

## Adjourned Meeting of the Council

Wednesday, 16 May 2012

### Questions Under Standing Order A13

<b>Question (1) by Councillor Darling to the Council's representative on Devon and Cornwall Police Authority – Mayor Oliver</b>	<p>In September 2012 the police advised community representatives that a Neighbourhood Beat Manager would shortly be recruited for Watcombe. To date this post remains vacant. I and the community in Watcombe would welcome an explanation?</p>
<b>Question (2) by Councillor Davies to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration – Mayor Oliver</b>	<p>In the interest of transparency and in the light of the recent communication and press release concerning LABV, how much has this venture with both companies (McAlpine and Hawkestone) cost Torbay Council and TDA (including Officer time) and thus our ratepayers.</p>
<b>Question (3) by Councillor Davies to the Executive Lead for Adult Social Care and Older People – Councillor Scouler</b>	<p>In the interest of transparency and in the light of Torbay Care Trust's overspend on Adult and Social Care and the most recent closure of a small care home for the elderly on my Ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) How much did the Adult Safeguarding Team cost during the last financial year and in particular.</li><li>b) How much did its contracted Crisis Team cost during the last financial year in respect of monitoring and observing staff in residential care homes including those that have failed any of the CQC Standards.</li></ul>
<b>Question (4) by Councillor Stocks to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities and Transport – Councillor Excell</b>	<p>Despite a referral to the previous Mayor at the Council meeting on 24 March 2011 that:</p> <p><i>“During the next 12 months the Council will work with interested parties on a strategy to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century swimming facility for local residents and visitors alike;”</i></p> <p>No strategy has come back to the Council for approval.</p> <p>Will Councillor Excell explain when a Swimming Strategy for Torbay, including the future use of Swim Torquay and the Brixham Pool will be completed?</p>

<b>Question (5) by Councillor Cowell to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration – Mayor Oliver</b>	<p>Following the revelations that there has been an ongoing legal dispute for the past three years with the operators of the Hi-Flyer balloon and the subsequent withholding of rent, does the Mayor agree with me that a full inquiry in to the events that led to this dispute and subsequent reasons for withholding the information from the public and councillors, should be held upon the settlement of the legal proceedings.</p> <p>Assuming that the Mayor does agree, will he instigate such an inquiry to ensure the facts are heard and any lessons can be learnt.</p> <p>This action would be a clear demonstration of his determination to lead an open and transparent administration and help to restore public confidence in the council.</p>
<b>Question (6) by Councillor Pentney to the Executive Lead for Finance and Audit – Councillor Tyerman</b>	<p>I understand from the Herald Express that the Conservative councillors are intending to use consultants to explore building a third harbour in Torquay. Please can he tell me where in the budget that money was allocated?</p>